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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please substitute the paragraph on page 6, line 10 - 21 to read as follows:

-- Referring to the figures, a combined machining lathe 1 has a fixed bed 2 which is formed into a triangular-prism shaped structure having two mounting surfaces including a forward-tilted sloping surface 2a and a rearward-tilted sloping surface 2b as can be seen in a perspective view shown in Fig. 1. As viewed from the machine front, a headstock 3 is disposed at a left-side longitudinal end portion of the forward-tilted sloping surface 2a of the fixed bed 2. A tailstock 4 is disposed on the right-side end portion. A lower tool rest 5 is disposed on the forward-tilted sloping surface 2a between the headstock 3 and the tailstock 4 while an upper tool rest 6 is disposed on the rearward-tilted sloping surface 2b.--

Please substitute the paragraph on page 9, line 22 - page 10, line 5 to read as follows:

-- A backup member comprises a pressing-and-supporting portion 10c that is formed as a protuberance protruding integrally

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on the undersurface of the tailstock base 10. In this pressing-and-supporting portion 10c is formed a pressing-and-supporting surface 10d confronting the stationary rack 36 with a specified gap therebetween, where the movable rack 37 is in sliding contact with the pressing-and-supporting surface 10d.--